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SUBJECT: REDUCING ENERGY USE AT OVERSEAS MISSIONS.

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1. EMBASSY'S ACTION IN RESPONSE TO REFTELS FOLLOWS:

A. EMBASSY HAS ONLY 5 OFFICIAL VEHICLES INCLUDING AMBASSADOR'S LIMOUSINE. POOLING OF VEHICLES (2 SEDANS AND 2 STATION WAGONS) AND COMBINING MESSENGER, MAIL, MAINTENANCE AND PASSENGER RUNS HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED TO MAXIMUM EXTENT. USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ENCOURAGED WHEREVER POSSIBLE IN CONDUCT OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

B. INTERIOR LIGHTING BEING REDUCED WHEREVER POSSIBLE. MSG AND CHAR FORCE INSTRUCTED TO EXTINGUISH LIGHTS AS CLEANING OF OFFICES IS COMPLETED. MINIMUM EXTERIOR LIGHTING, CONSISTENT WITH SOUND SECURITY PRACTICES, IS IN FORCE.

C. 40-YEAR OLD DOUBLE BOILER STEAM HEATING PLANT HAS NO THERMOSTATIC CONTROL, BUT PLANT IS BEING OPERATED ON MINIMUM PRESSURE DURING WORKING HOURS AND ONE BOILER IS SHUT DOWN AT NIGHT, HOLIDAYS AND WEEKENDS. RADIATORS ARE TURNED OFF IN AREAS NOT IN DAILY USE.

D. CHANCERY IS NO CENTRALLY AIRCONDITIONED, BUT IN THE FEW OFFICES WHICH HAVE WINDOW UNITS, THERMOSTATS WILL BE SET AT HIGHER TEMPERATURES DURING THE FEW HOT SPELLS OTTAWA EXPERIENCES DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

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E. THERE WAS NO ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING USED ON CHANCERY
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS THIS YEAR.

2. IN GENERAL, EMBASSY EMPLOYEES, BOTH US CITIZENS AND CANADIAN,
ARE WELL-INFORMED AND SUPPORTING GOC ENERGY CONSERVATION
POLICY WHICH IS WELL-PUBLICIZED IN THE MEDIA AND WHICH EMPHASIZES
CUTTING DOWN ON ELECTRICAL CONSUMPTION, REDUCING HOME HEATING,
CAR POOLING, AND GREATER USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, BOTH IN
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND IN PRIVATE OPERATIONS. DESPITE FACT
THAT NO SHORT-FALL IN ELECTRICITY, GASOLINE OR FUEL OIL HAS
BEEN EXPERIENCED IN OTTAWA, GOC CONTINUES TO STRESS NEED FOR
EVERYONE TO GET BEHIND THE ENERGY CONSERVATION EFFORT. EMBASSY'S
POLICY WILL CONTINUE TO BE TO FOLLOW GOC LEAD IN ENERGY
CONSERVATION TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.

3. DEPARTMENT'S GUIDELINES IN THIS EFFORT HAVE BEEN DISSEMINATED
TO ALL APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL.
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